

Raised Bill HB5359: An Act Concerning Electors Who Move But Remain Within The Same Voting District

Senator Musto, Representative Julita and Members of the GAE

My name is Sue W. Larsen. I am the Chairman of the ROVAC Legislative Committee and I am here to question this bill. Currently a voter that moves within a municipality can fill out a transfer form stating under penalty that they moved within town. The Registrar of Voters will verify that the voter has not voted in their previous polling location and the voter is then allowed to vote with a regular ballot. If they stay in the same district, the voter is given a new registration card and a regular ballot. I believe we are currently handling the situation that this bill proposes.

ROVAC is proposing to allow an active voter to simply fill out a registration card and then vote. There is no reason why an active voter should be denied a ballot unless the voter's residency is challenged, which is altogether a different situation. We have had support for this in previous years but unfortunately, our proposal has been attached to other bills or inadvertently omitted in the final passage.

Thank you for allowing this testimony.

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